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CHINA

FOREIGN MINISTER PHICHAIRATTAKUN HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE
ON MARCH 3, 1975 AND DISCUSSED RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND NORTH VIETNAM. BELOW ARE EXCERPTS OF
HIS REMARKS:

REPORTER: WHAT MOVES WILL YOU MAKE TOWARD RELATIONS WITH
CHINA AND WITH HANOI?

PICHAIR: IN REGARD TO RELATIONS WITH CHINA AND HANOI, I WISH
TO INFORM YOU THAT FOREIGN MINISTER CHARUNPHAN AND THE SANYA
GOVERNMENT PAVED THE WAY AND TOOK THE INITIATIVE IN AN
EXCELLENT AND OUTSTANDING MANNER. IT COULD BE SAID TO BE A
LAUNCHING PAD FROM WHICH WE CAN TAKE OFF. IT IS NOW UP TO US
TO CARRY ON FROM THE EXCELLENT INITIATIVE TAKEN ALREADY IN
REGARD TO CHINA AND HANOI. FOREIGN MINISTER CHARUNPHAN AND
THE SANYA GOVERNMENT HAVE PAVED THE WAY IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION
AND IT IS NOW UP TO ME TO CONTINUE THE GOOD WORK BE STARTED.

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REPORTER: MAY I ASK ANOTHER QUESTION CONCERNING CHINA? IN

OUR POLICY, DO WE CONSIDER THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE CHINA?

PICHAJ: OH, DEFINITELY. WE ADHERE TO A ONE CHINA POLICY,
AND I HAVE INFORMED YOU OF THAT ALREADY.

REPORTER: WILL THIS NEW GOVERNMENT SPEED UP ESTABLISHING
RELATIONS WITH PEKING?

PICHAJ: MY VIEW IS THAT THERE SHOULD NOT BE ANY OBSTACLE
OBSTRUCTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THAILAND
AND CHINA, BECAUSE THE FORMER GOVERNMENT, AND ESPECIALLY
FOREIGN MINISTER CHARUNPHAN, PAVED THE WAY SMOOTHLY. BUT
WHEN THE PROPER TIME WILL BE REACHED CONCERNS POLICY AGAIN,
THEREFORE I AM NOT ABLE TO GIVE YOU ANY FURTHER INFORMATION
UNTIL AFTER MARCH 6.
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